

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE

24 April 1967

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Project MERRIMACK

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1. On 20 April 1967 [redacted] met with [redacted]

[redacted] to discuss the coverage afforded subject between the period 8 to 15 April 1967. [redacted] advised that this project had provided timely reporting on the intentions of various extremist groups and had proved to be a very useful exercise.

2. It was stressed by the Chief, SRS, that the primary purpose of the project is to provide advance notice of impending demonstrations in order to protect the Agency buildings. It was realized that from this project sensitive information will be learned which will be useful to other Government Agencies. Because of this, a sterilized version of Project MERRIMACK reports will continue to be provided to the FBI with our sources being protected.

3. It was agreed that the Project should be continued on a long range basis. [redacted] felt that certain indicator organizations should be monitored rather than trying to cover all the extremist groups. These organizations are: Women Strike for Peace, Washington Peace Center and the Students Nonviolence Coordinating Committee. According to [redacted] SNCC is the most critical organization since it possesses the greatest potential for violence and has openly indicated it is a revolutionary group and has named the Agency as a potential target.

4. [redacted] indicated that steps would be taken to have these three organizations monitored and reports issued on their activities on a weekly or semi-monthly basis. Of course, any critical information will be relayed at once.

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5. It was pointed out that funds for the Project should be budgeted for during the next fiscal year. [redacted] advised he had a source of funds available if the need arose for additional funds before the new fiscal.

6. The need for training of the covert assets used by Project MERRIMACK was pointed out and a course of training for these assets will be explored with the Office of Training to include lectures on Communism and the history of these extremist organizations, as well as report writing.

25 April 1967

Briefed the DAS/IOS on the contents of this memo this day. He will brief Mr. Osborn on our future course of action. Full approval granted to go ahead.

Real by [redacted] on 26 April 67

P.S.

Good memo [redacted]!

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